

# Ground Based CMB Polarization Experiments

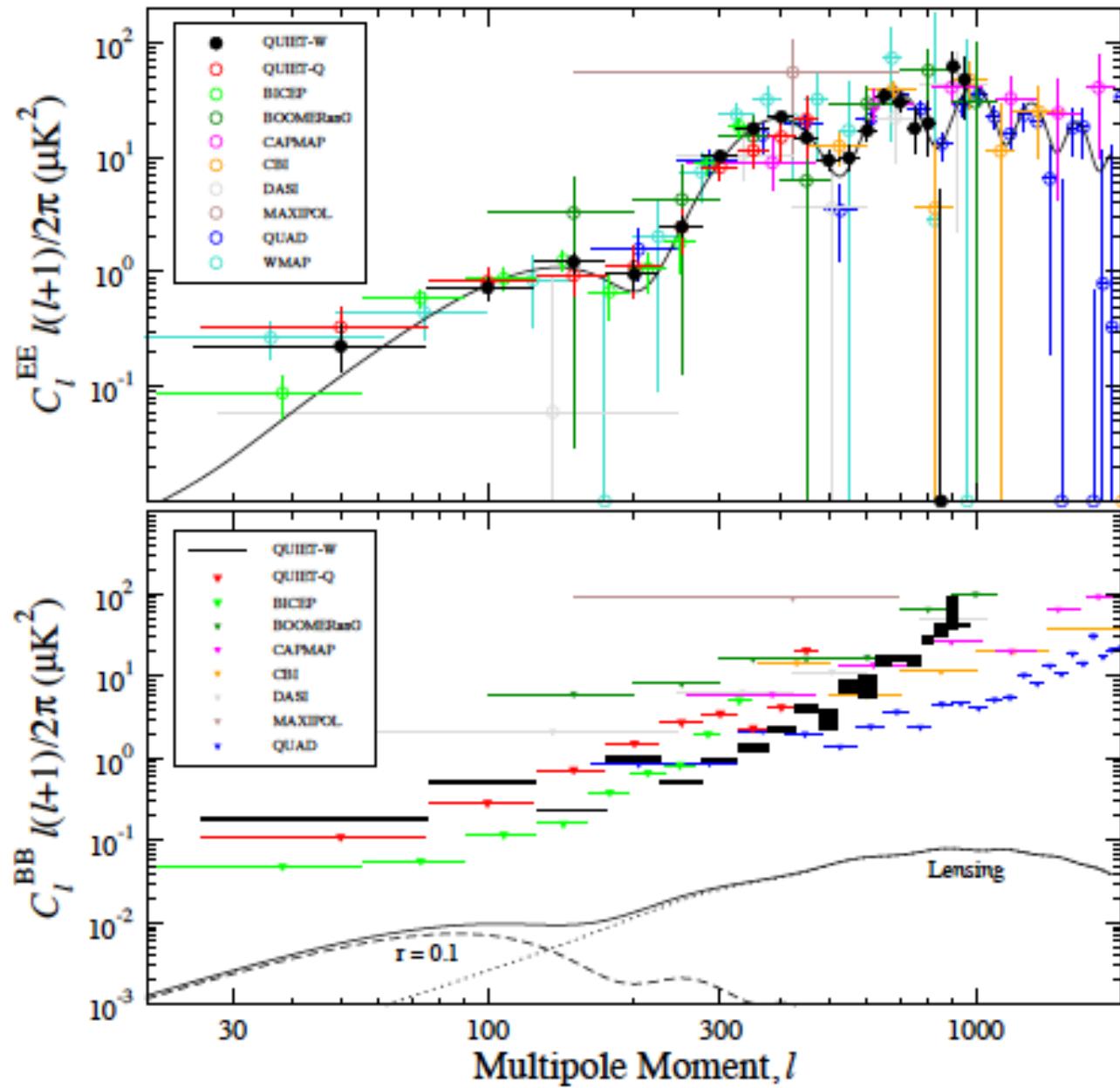
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NASA IPSAG Meeting

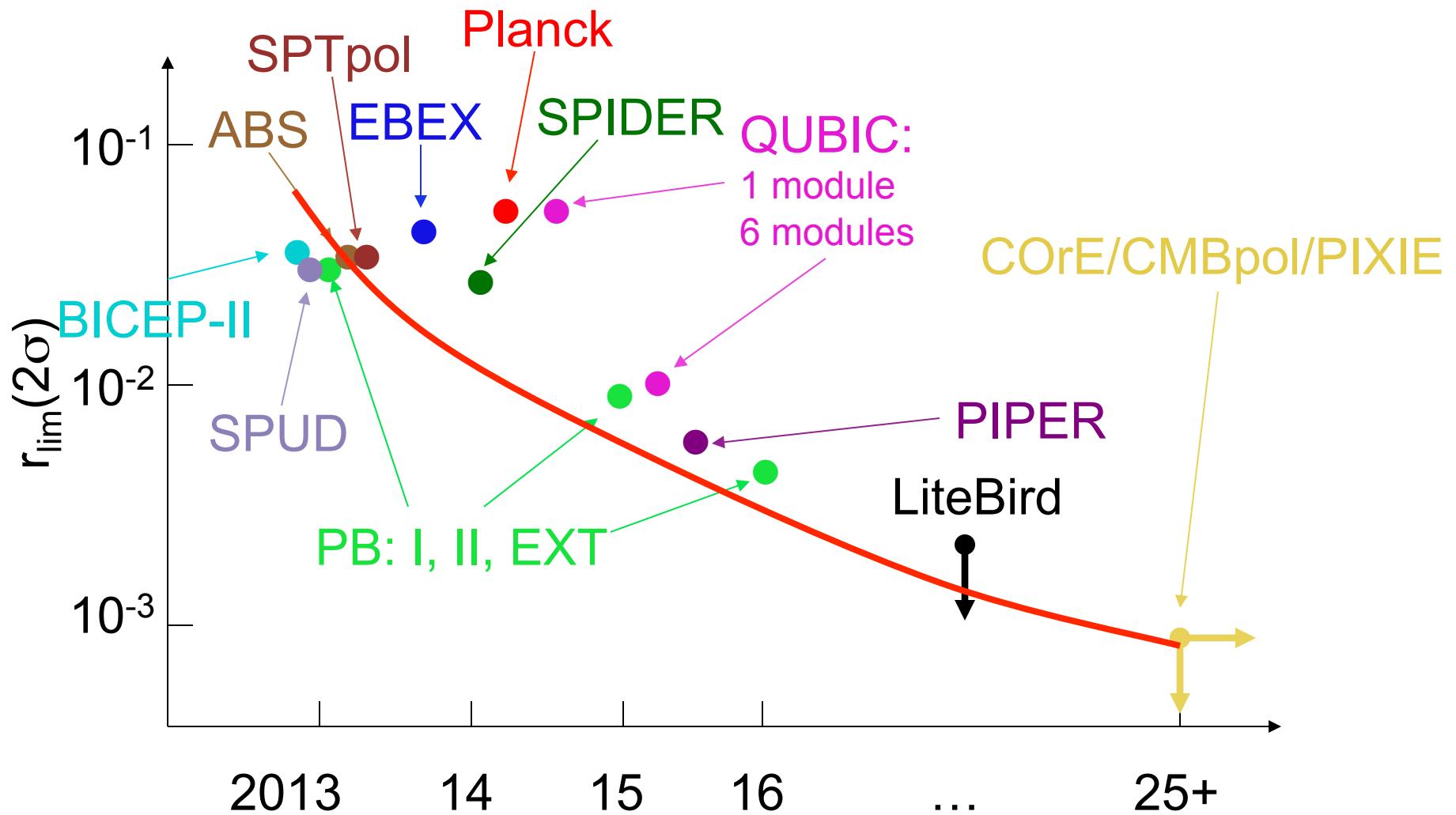
# Ground Observations and NASA

- Technology Development
  - First step tests of technology for space
- Guiding Science Results
  - Ground (and balloon) results -> mission design
    - Both Cosmology and Foregrounds
- Complementary Data
  - Angular Scales (Smallest scales from ground)
  - Frequency Range (Lowest frequencies from ground)

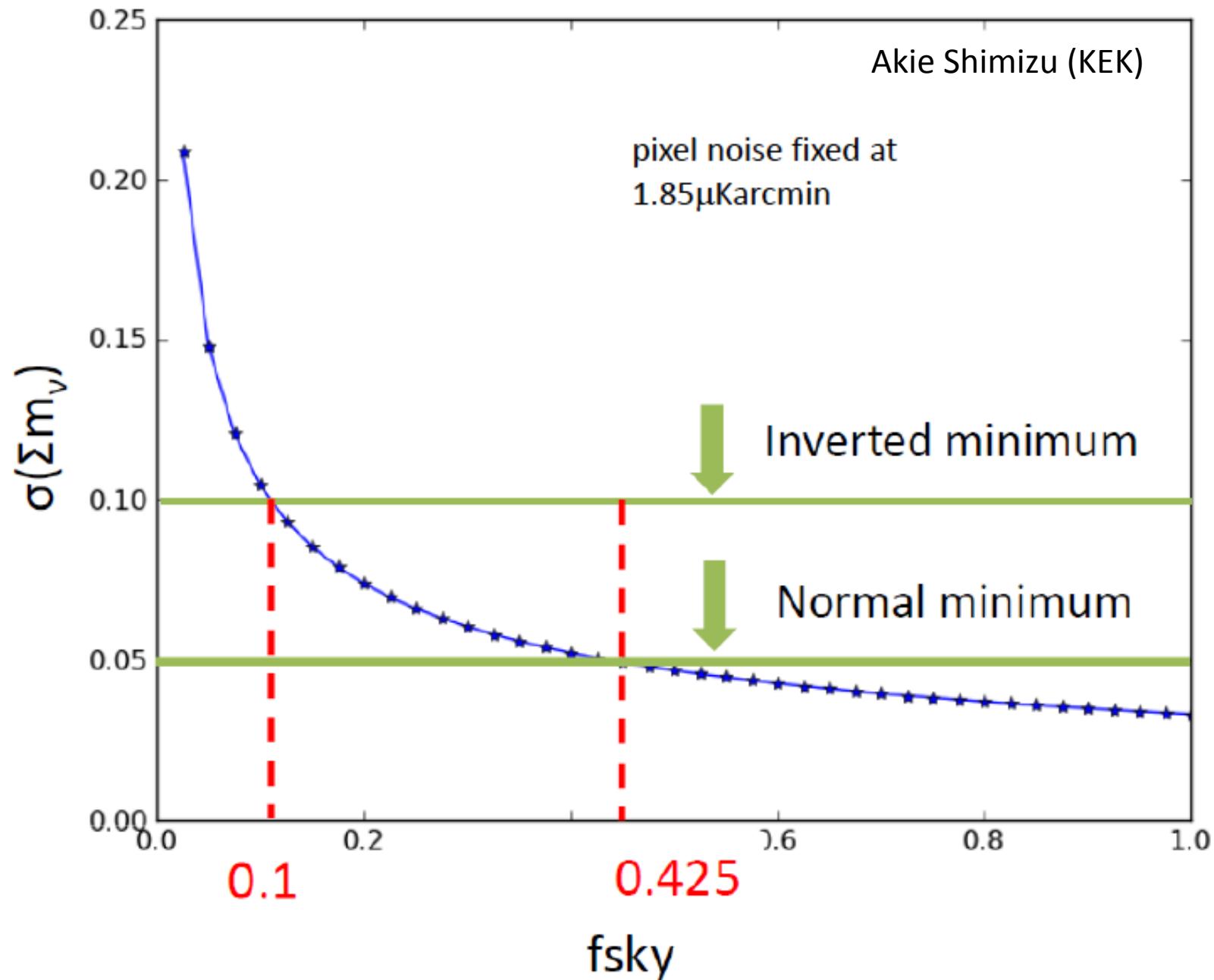
# CMB B-mode experiments (2012)



# Sensitivity - constraints on $r$



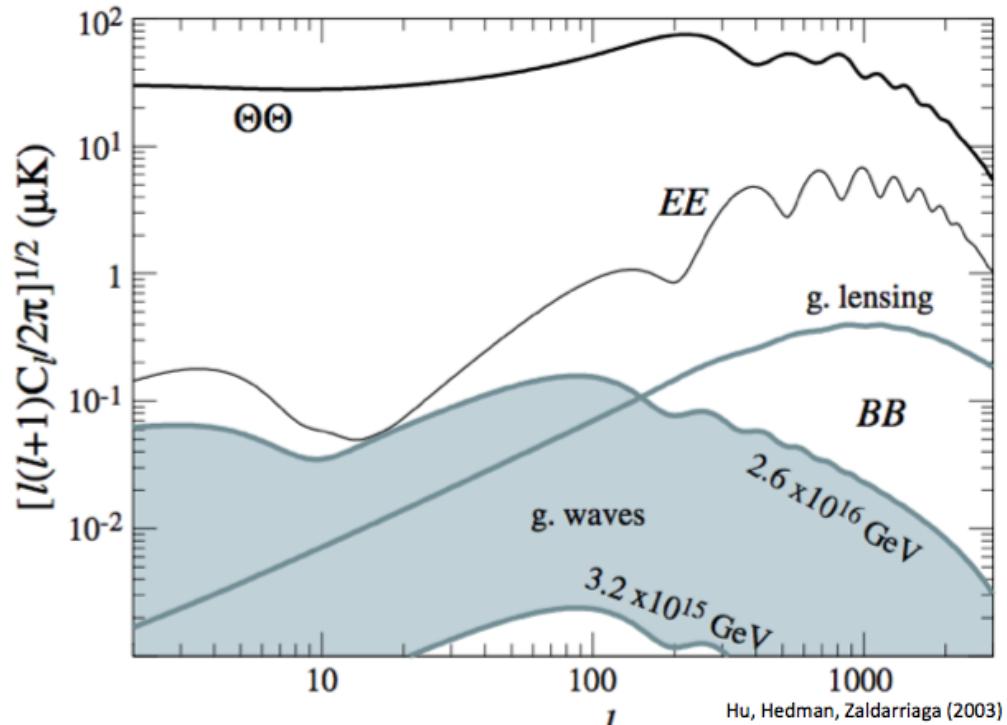
# Sum of Neutrino Masses from Gravitational Lensing



# Resolution and $\ell$ range

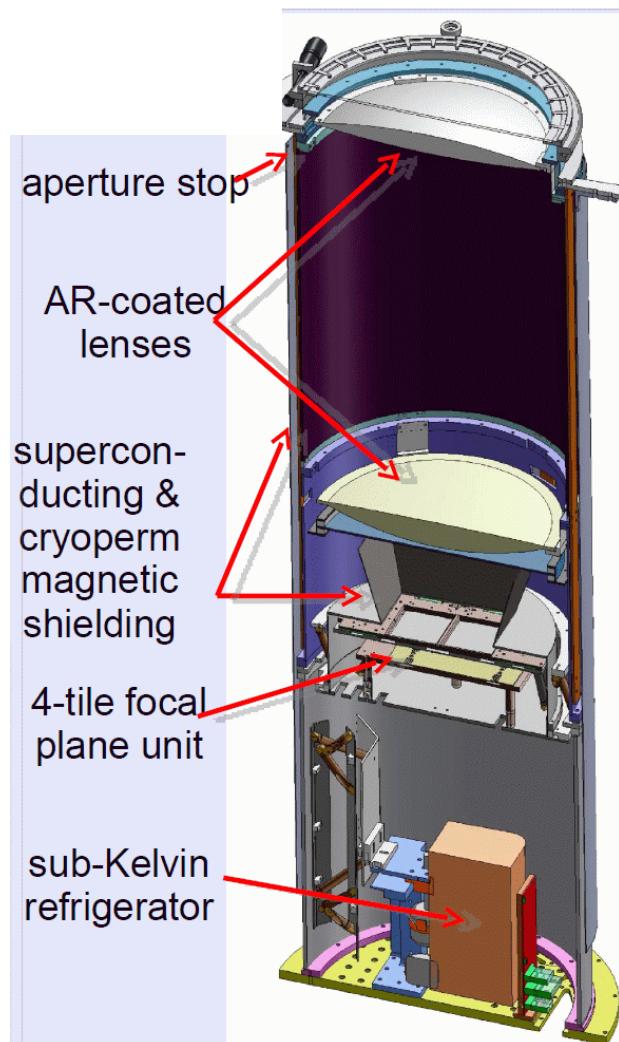
30-60 arc-min beam  $\longleftrightarrow$   
3-10 arc-min beam  $\longleftrightarrow$   
1-2 arc-min beam  $\longleftrightarrow$

- 30-60 arc-min beam:
  - ABS, BICEP, CLASS, GroundBIRD, KECK/SPUD
- 3-10 arc-min beam:
  - POLARBEAR;
  - POLAR Array.
- 1-2 arc-min beam:
  - ACTpol;
  - SPTpol.



0.5 – 1 degree resolution experiments

# BICEP1/BICEP2/Keck Array

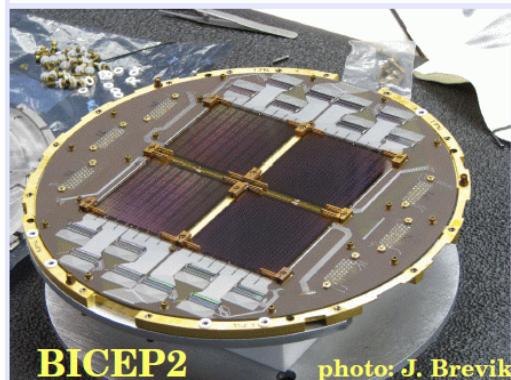


\* All with small refractors  
(25cm);  
@ South Pole



90/150GHz  
25/24 elements  
2005-2008

Provided best limit  
on tensor:  $r<0.72$



150GHz  
256 elements  
Since 2009  
5x survey  
speed than  
BICEP1

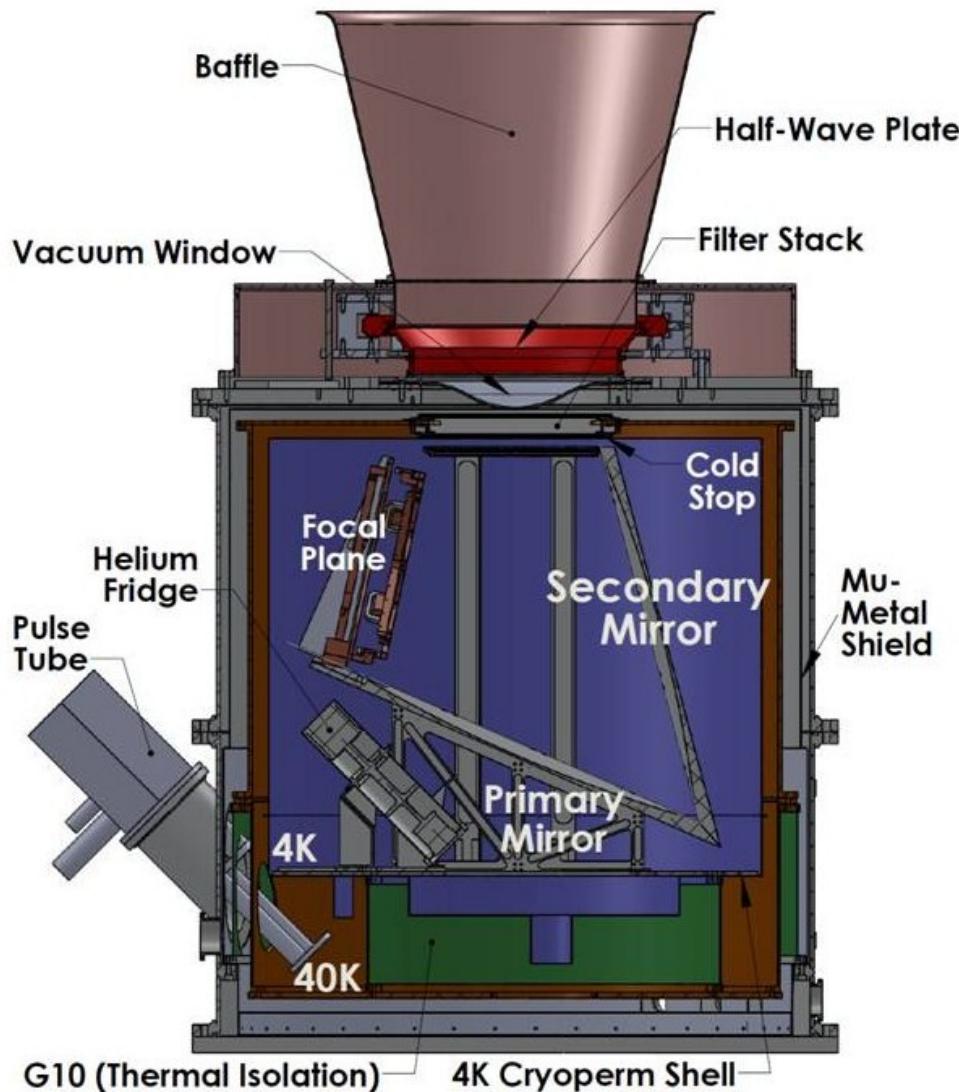
Analysis in  
advanced stage,  
First publication  
exp. late 2012



150GHz  
256x5 elements  
Since 2010  
Target is 5x  
BICEP2

Instr. verification;  
currently  
making pretty maps

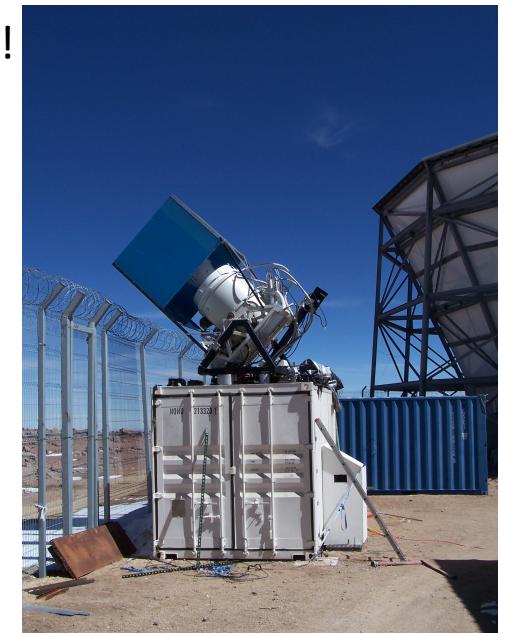
# ABS: Atacama B-mode Search



- 240 150-GHz feedhorns
- 480 TES bolometers at 300 mK
- Low foreground parts of sky
- $\sim 35$  microK rt(s)
- Cold mirrors
- Warm continuously rotating HWP
- Atacama desert: 5100 m elevation
- Target  $r < 0.03$
- Status: taking data!



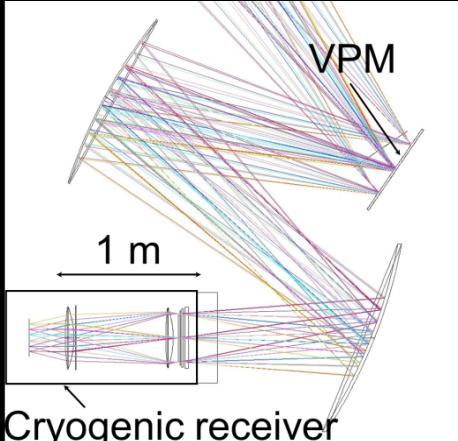
FOCAL PLANE



# COSMOLOGY LARGE ANGULAR SCALE SURVEYOR



## Modulator & Optics



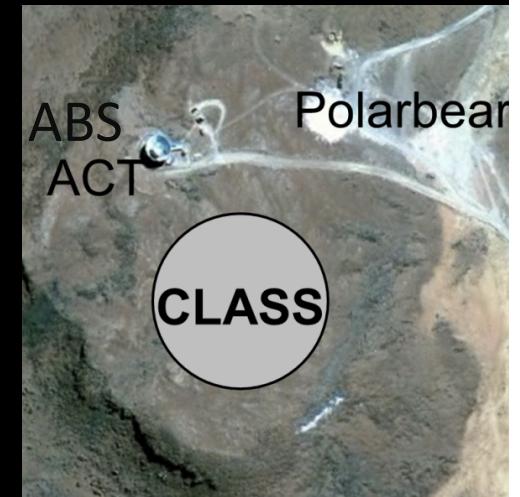
Search for B-mode inflation signature from primordial gravitational radiation at  $>2^\circ$  scales with projected sensitivity to detect tensor-to-scalar ratios below 0.01, even when including foreground and systematic errors.

Use demonstrated front-end wire grid polarization modulator (VPM) at 10 Hz (above atmospheric noise).

Take advantage of enhanced signal of reionization “bump” and avoid lensing B-mode signal.

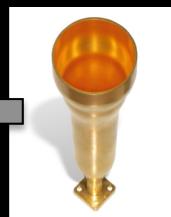
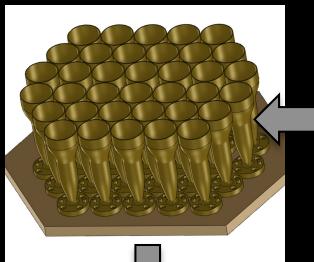
Survey large fraction (65%) of sky observable from Atacama Desert at frequencies (40, 90, 150 GHz) where the full-sky CMB-to-foreground ratio is maximized.

## Atacama Site

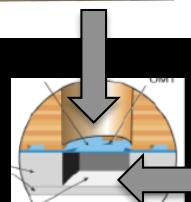


Cerro Toco, 5200 m, 65% of sky observable above elev 45°

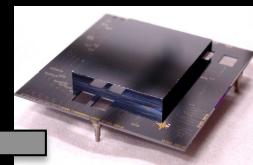
## Focal Plane



Smooth-walled Feedhorns (Patent!)

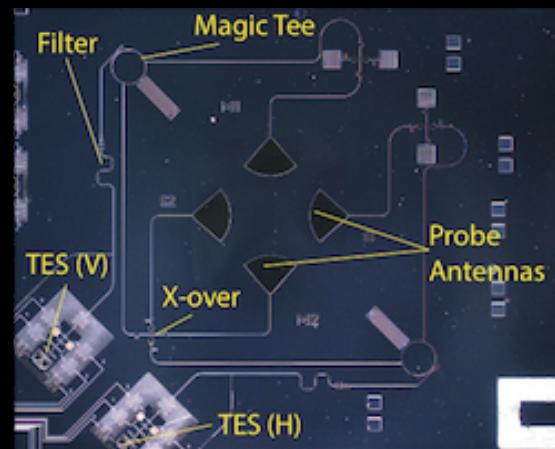


Horn Coupled Detectors

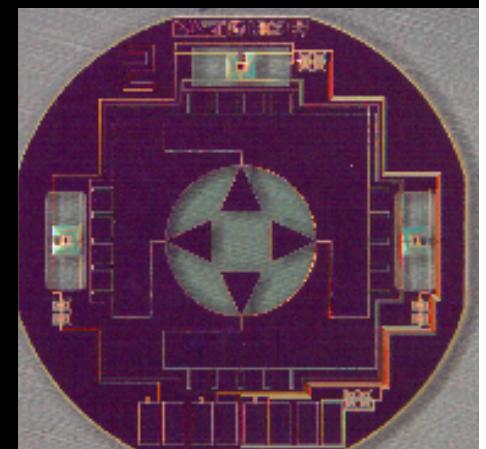


Integrated Backshort

## Polarization Sensitive Bolometric Detectors



NASA/GSFC 40 & 90 GHz



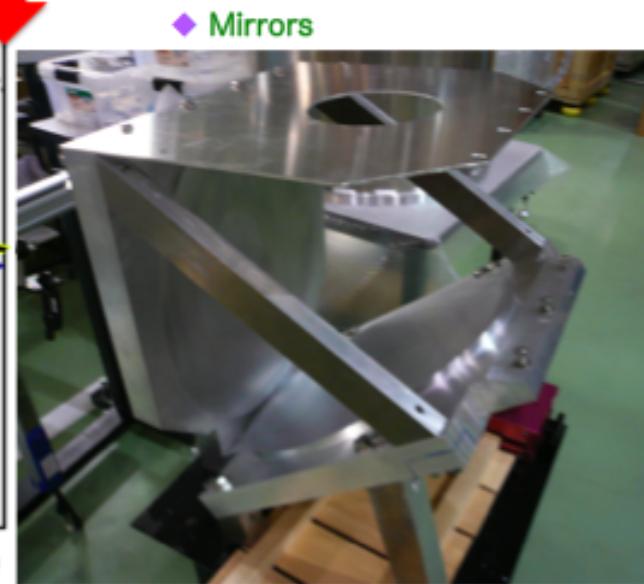
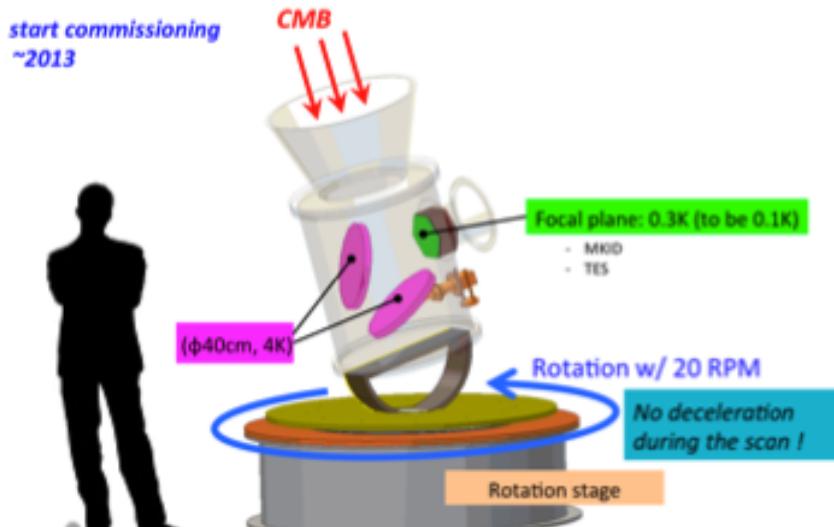
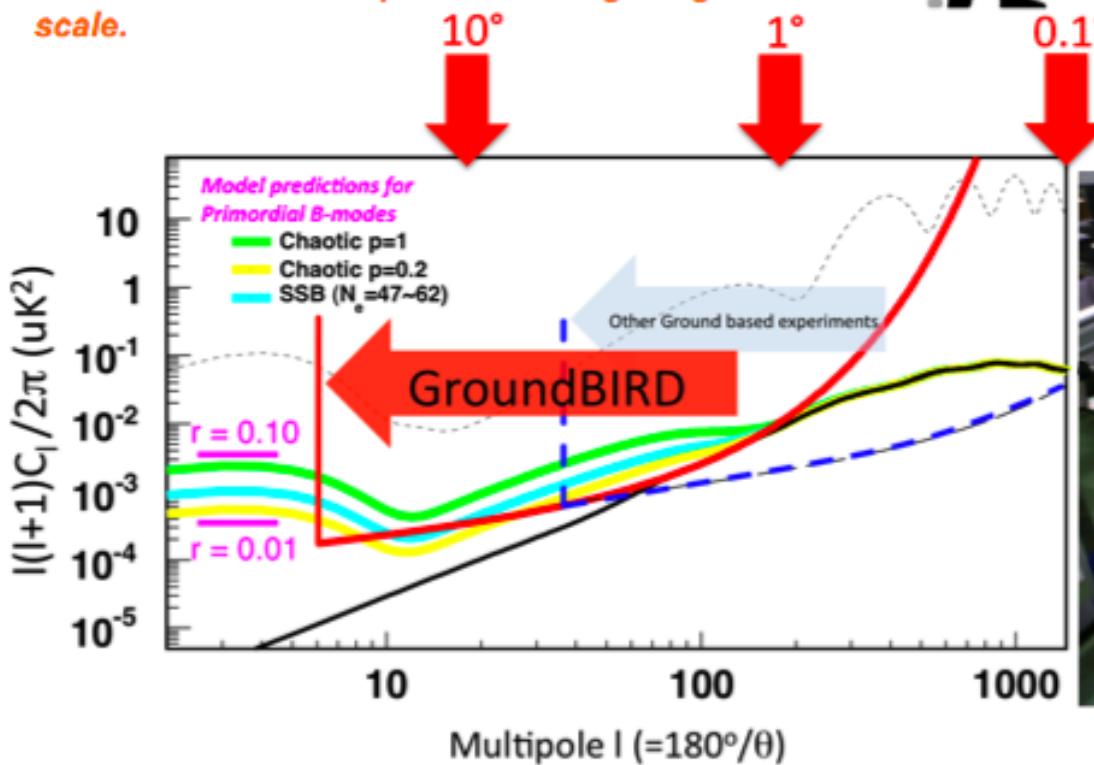
NIST 150 GHz

3-10 arc-minute resolution  
experiments

# GroundBIRD

- ◆ Measurements of the primordial B-modes at a large angular scale directly constrain inflation models !!

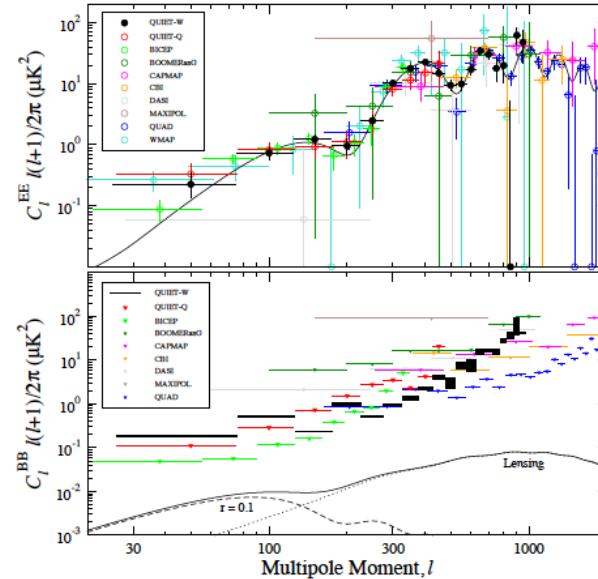
*Large area of observation allows us to measure the B-mode power at a large angular scale.*



From KEK O. Tajima

# QUIET - Q and U Imaging Experiment

- Only B-mode HEMT radiometer at this time (see STRIP);
- Uses “radiometer on chip” technology;
- Operates from Atacama.
- QUIET:
  - 19 Q-band detectors (43GHz) (2008-09);
  - 91 W-band detectors (90GHz) (2009-10).
- QUIET-II (awaiting funding):
  - 500 detectors;
  - 3 bands: 30, 37, 95 GHz
  - Coverage from  $l = 25 - 1000$
  - Lensing B-mode  $\sim 20\sigma$  detection
  - $r \sim 0.01$
- Followed by FOCUS (if funded):
  - Synchrotron mapping experiment



Caltech, Chicago (KICP), Columbia, Fermilab, JPL, KEK, Manchester, Miami, MPI-Bonn, Oslo, Oxford, Princeton, Stanford (KIPAC)

# POLARBEAR

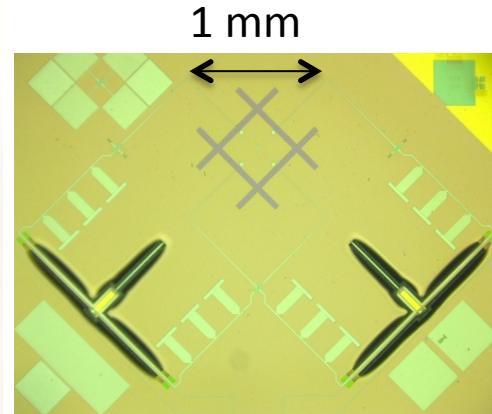
APC (Paris), Berkeley, Cardiff, Colorado, Dalhousie, Imperial, KEK, LBNL, McGill, San Diego,



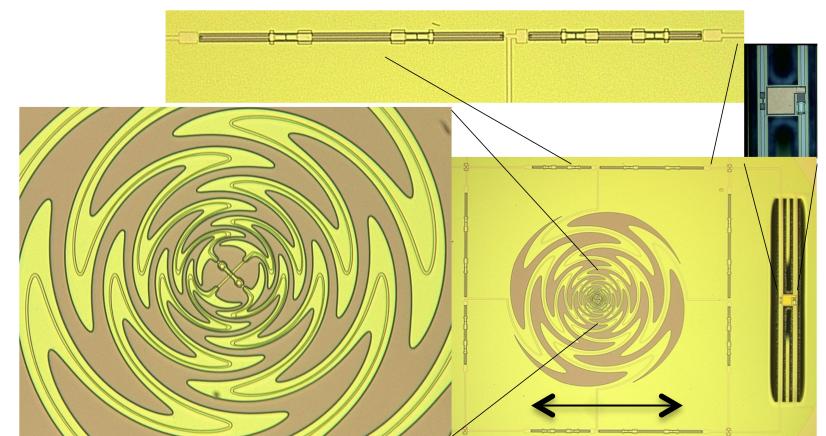
20 cm



PB-1 Focal Plane: 1274  
bolometers



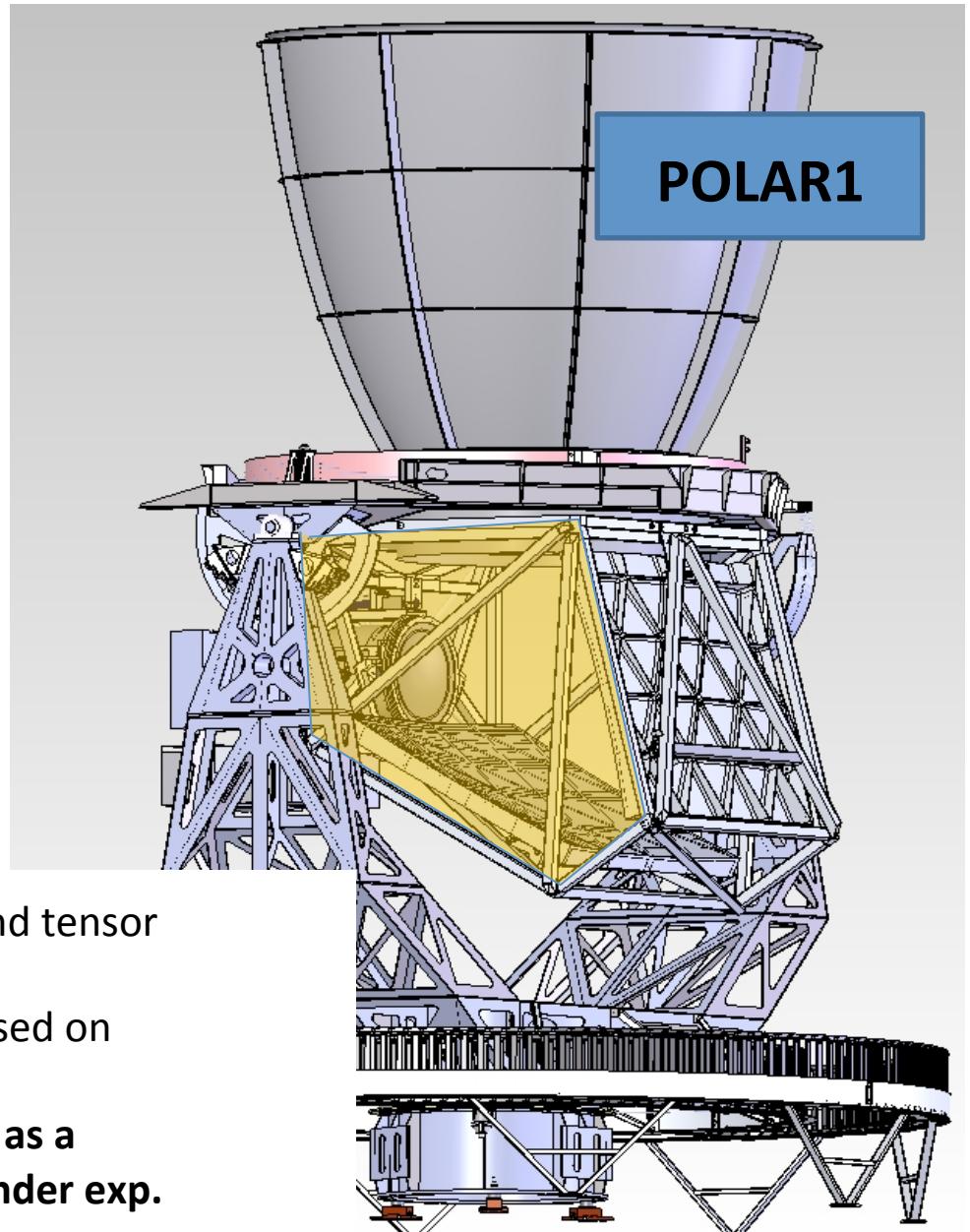
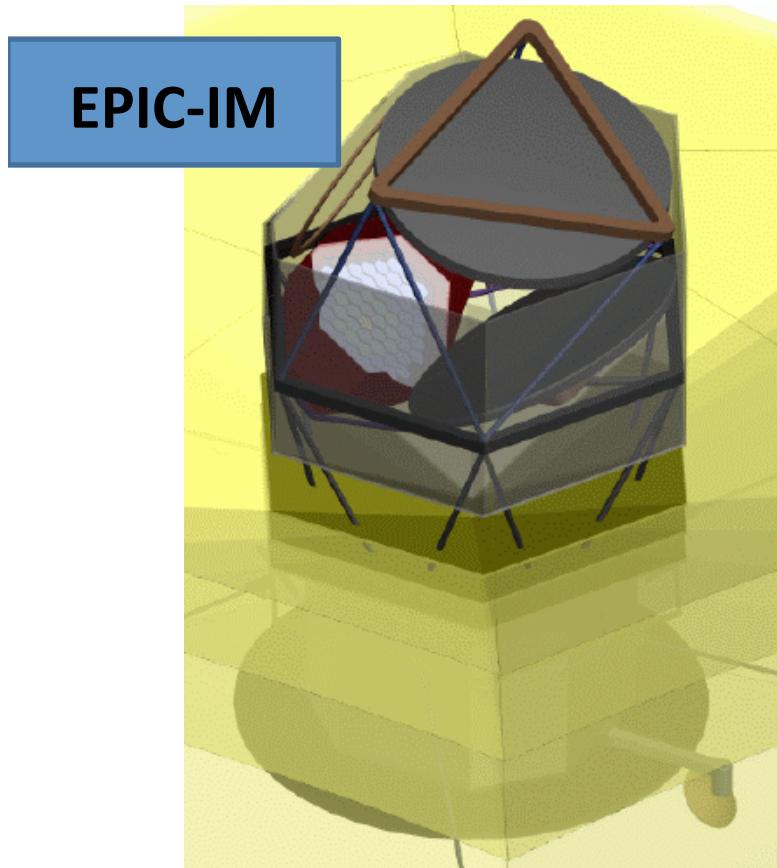
PB-1 antenna coupled  
bolometer



PB-2: 90/150 GHz pixel (also 90/150/220)

- Dual goals: Inflation + Lensing
- Phased Deployment
  - PB-1: 1,274 bolos, Observing!
  - PB-2: 7,588 bolos, multichroic pixels
  - PB-Extended: 3 x PB-2
- Test for NASA Technology
  - Baseline detectors for LiteBIRD
- LiteBIRD+PB-X:  $3 < \ell < 3000$

# EPIC-IM and Its Ground-Based Pathfinder **POLAR1**

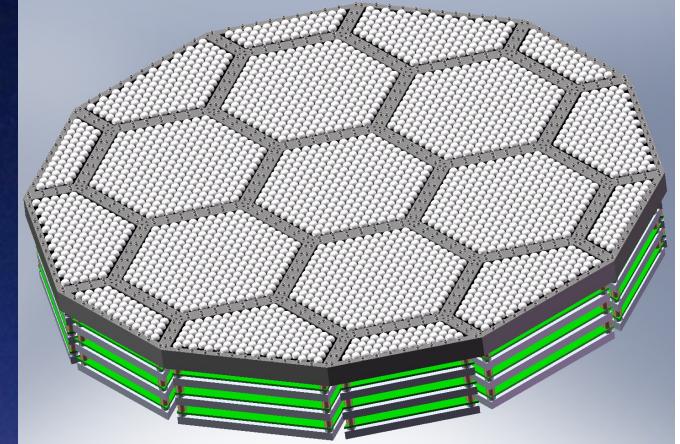
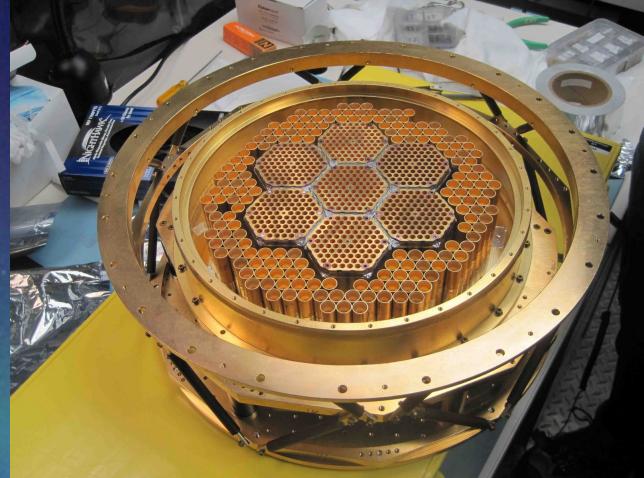
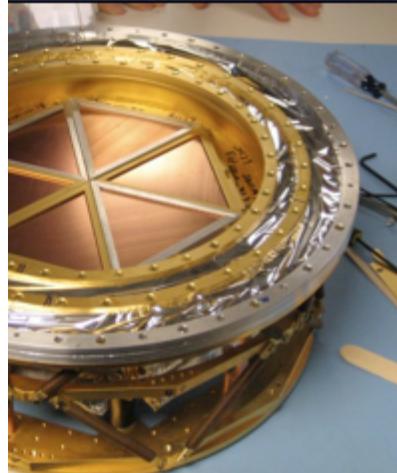


- EPIC-IM targets both lensing (arcmin-scale) and tensor
  - EPIC-IM is a 1.4m **crossed-Dragone** telescope
  - POLAR1 is a 1.6m **crossed-Dragone**, largely based on EPIC-IM optical design
- \* After completion in 2013, POLAR1 will serve as a technology testbed for EPIC-IM, and a pathfinder exp. for a ground-based array “POLAR Array”

1-2 arc-minute resolution experiments

# *SPTSZ, SPTPOL, and Beyond*

UoB, Berkeley, Harvard, Case Western, McGill, Boulder, Caltech, Munich, Michigan, Arizona, ANL, NIST



PTPOL

1 arcmin resolution at 150GHz;

polarization sensitive pixels

50GHz channels

in Jan, 2012.

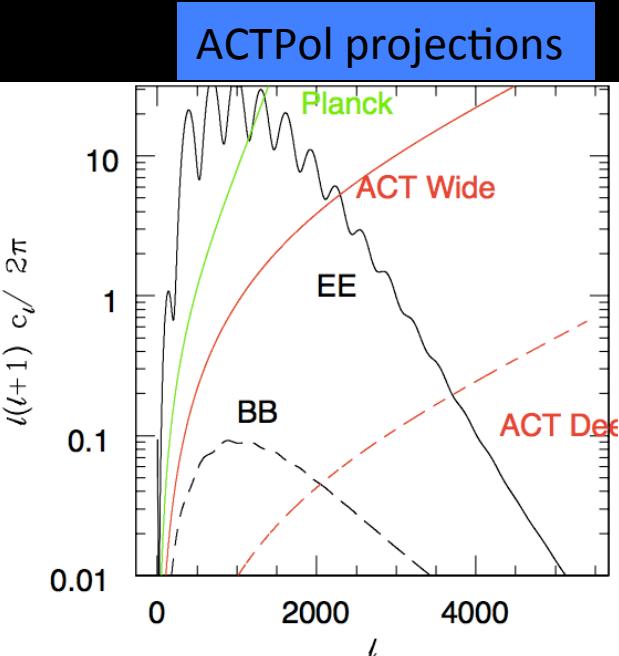
degrees observed for 3 years;

of lensing B-mode

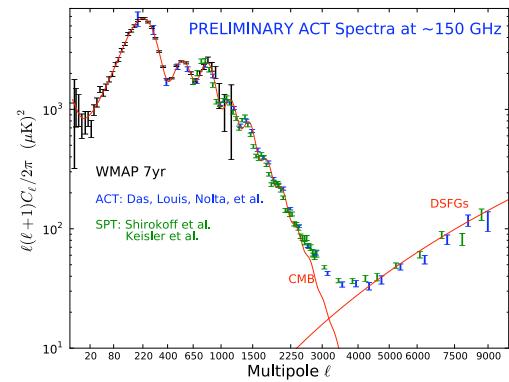
SPT3G (Multichroic Sinuous Pixels)



# ACTPol



ACT achievements:  
Low to high multipoles!



- New receiver on the 6m ACT
- 16x mapping speed of ACT, plus polarization sensitivity
- First deployment in Atacama for 2012-13
- First goals: gravitational lensing with rich cross-correlation science (neutrino mass sum, early dark energy, and more)

# Conclusions

- Ground-based experiments:
  - Possible first detection of inflationary B-modes
  - Excellent constraints on lensing (neutrinos, early dark energy)
- Space Mission
  - Factor 10 deeper search for inflationary B-modes
  - If detected -> characterization of signal
  - Lensing depends on Aperture
    - $\sim 30$  cm => complement with ground (balloon) based
    - $\sim 1.5$  m => ultimate CMB lensing measurement
- Ground-based experiments good for testing NASA detector technology